

## Message Text

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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, AR  
SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRAINTS

REF: A) STATE 040433; B) BUENOS AIRES 0439

1. DISCREPANCY BETWEEN ARGENTINE EXPORT BAN ON RAW CATTLE HIDES AND EXPORTS OF THIS ITEM NOTED REFTEL PARA 1 IS EXPLAINED AS FOLLOWS. BAN APPLIES TO RAW HIDES WHICH ARE "SALTED" IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE AT MEATPACKING PLANTS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 99 PERCENT OF TOTAL PRODUCTION OF HIDES, WHICH IS BETWEEN 13 AND 15 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY. THE REMAINING TINY PERCENTAGE OF RAW HIDES ARE LABELED "DRY" HIDES AND ARE ALLOWED TO BE EXPORTED; THESE ARE SKINS FROM CATTLE WHICH DIE BEFORE REACHING SLAUGHTERING HOUSES AND GENERALLY ARE INFERIOR IN QUALITY TO THE SKINS OF THOSE CATTLE WHICH ARE SLAUGHTERED. ALSO, ON OCCASION, THE GOA HAS EXEMPTED EXPORTS OF "SALTED" RAW HIDES TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES; FOR EXAMPLE, EXPORTS WERE PERMITTED TO CHILE AND PERU DURING 1973 AND 1974. ONE SOURCE CONTACTED BY THE EMBASSY STATED THAT ONLY 25,000 TONS OF "SALTED" HIDES WERE EXPORTED TO CHILE AT THAT TIME.

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2. EXPORT TAX HAS A FIXED RATE WHICH IS ONLY CHANGED BY GOA DECREE. IT ACTS AS A DISINCENTIVE TO EXPORTS AS OUTLINED REFTEL B AND FURNISHES THE GOA WITH REVENUE.  
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